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October 27, 2006

Re: Docket No. 03-0371, Instituting a Proceeding to Investigate Distributed Generation in Hawaii

Dear Parties and Participant:

This letter clarifies the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") role in assisting the Commission in its review of the electric utilities' proposed tariffs.

Please note that the EPA has offered its services to the Commission as part of the EPA-State Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects, of which Hawaii is one of the states selected for this program.¹ As explained by the EPA:

A growing number of regulators and utility service providers are including clean energy options in their strategies to diversify their resource portfolio, lower costs, and meet customer demand. EPA involvement in utility policy issues includes the EPA-State Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Projects. The EPA-State EERE Projects are a joint initiative between the U.S. EPA, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), and individual state utility commissions designed to explore approaches that deliver significant energy cost savings and other benefits through greater use of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean distributed generation.

<http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/utilitypolicy/index.htm>, at 1 (copy enclosed).

Copies of the biographies of Mr. Joe Bryson, Clean Energy Senior Policy Analyst, and Ms. Katrina Pielli, Clean Energy Program Manager, are also enclosed for your information.

¹See <http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/utilitypolicy/index.htm> (copy enclosed).

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In summary, the EPA's role in Docket No. 03-0371 is consistent with the EPA-State Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Azama".

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Attachment: service list

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EXIT Disclaimer Note: All of the non-EPA links below leave the EPA Web site.

- [Fact Sheet: EPA-State Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects \(PDF, 3 pp., 419 KB, About PDF\)](#)
- [Press Release: EPA and NARUC Announce Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects with Six States](#)

EPA-State Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects Pilot States:

Arkansas

[Arkansas Public Service Commission](#)

[APSC Docket No. 06-004-R - In the Matter of a Notice of Inquiry Regarding a Rulemaking for Developing and Implementing Energy Efficiency Programs](#)

[APSC Docket No. 06-004-R - February 21, 2006 Energy Efficiency Workshop Presentations and Workshop Transcript](#)

[APSC Docket No. 06-004-R - Energy Efficiency Information in Other States](#)

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[Next Generation of Energy Efficiency Initiatives in Minnesota Workshop, December 6, 2005](#)

New Jersey

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

New Mexico

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

Other Utility Policy Resources:

National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency

A Survey of Time-of-Use Pricing and Demand Response Programs (PDF, 111 pp., 2 MB)

CHP State Resources

State and Local Clean Energy Web site

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

For more Information

To learn more about the utility policies that promote clean energy or the EPA-State Energy Efficiency – Renewable Energy Projects, contact Stacy Angel (202-343-9606, angel.stacy@epa.gov) or Joe Bryson (202-343-9631, bryson.joe@epa.gov).

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Mr. Bryson has worked in the electric and gas utility field as an engineer, management consultant, and clean energy policy analyst for 15 years. Prior to joining EPA, Mr. Bryson worked for the United States Department of Energy, Ernst & Young's Utility Consulting Group and Bechtel Power Corporation.

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Ms. Pielli has worked in the field of energy services including energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean distributed generation for 6 years. Prior to joining EPA, Ms. Pielli worked as an energy efficiency consultant in Washington, DC.

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